

REMARKS

Applicants note that above claims 13, 15, 35 and 36 were presented in the parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/869,848, newly added claims 35 and 36 were presented as claims 47 and 48 in the parent application. Each of claims 13, 15, 35 and 36 were allowed in the parent application but were voluntarily cancelled in an amended under 37 CFR § 1.312 (after allowance) by Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that above claims 13, 15, 35 and 36 are in condition for allowance and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

New claims 37-63 recite combinations of elements to produce inventions which are not believed to be disclosed or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 37-63 are also in condition for allowance and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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